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June 30, 1987

The Honorable William H. Webster Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Director Webster:

On June 16, 1987, the Committee on Government Operations approved a report titled, "The National Drug Policy Board: Failure in the War On Drugs." The report is based on an extensive review by this Subcommittee of the Policy Board activities and accomplishments since its inception more than two years ago, and includes a number of recommendations for addressing the Board's shortcomings.

The Subcommittee finds that the Policy Board has not adequately fulfilled the three major tasks set out for it by Congress in the National Narcotics Act of 1984. The Board has been unable to coordinate inter-agency disputes in a timely and efficient manner; it has not performed its responsibilities to review available resources and make budget recommendations to the President; and although the Board has had some success in developing and implementing national policy, it needs to take a more aggressive approach. The Subcommittee also takes issue with the structure and management style of the Board.

The Subcommittee makes four recommendations:

1-- The National Drug Policy Board should adopt a management style more appropriate to the task at The Board should immediately institute a formal conflict resolution mechanism to ensure that disputes are resolved quickly and efficiently.

2-- The National Drug Policy Board should vigorously pursue its budget responsibilities; the Board should take an active role in reviewing agency expenditures and regularly make formal recommendations to the President on budget matters.

3-- The National Drug Policy Board should undertake a comprehensive study of resource allocation to determine where the federal government can get the best return for its money in the war on drugs, and report to the President and Congress on its findings within four months.

4-- If the Policy Board proves unable to assume a more forceful and efficient leadership role at the federal level, Congress should institute a federal reorganization to place all major drug law enforcement agencies into an existing single department under the direction of a cabinet-level secretary.

The Report and the recommendations are intended to improve the federal leadership for anti-drug abuse efforts. I expect the Policy Board to thoroughly consider these and make every effort to address the concerns raised by the Subcommittee. A copy of the report is enclosed.

Sincerely

Glenn English Chairman